GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SALE OF GROCERY ITEMS THROUGH POST OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been made between the Tribal Development Corporation and the Postal Department in Andhra Pradesh to sell grocery items through Post Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to make it compulsory in all Post Offices of the country so as to make them to become self − reliant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle has entered into a tie up with Girijan Co-operative Corporation Limited, an undertaking of Government of Andhra Pradesh formed exclusively for the upliftment of Tribal people in the State of Andhra Pradesh, to retail their forest products. The list of post offices in Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle retailing such forest produce is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) The Department does not have any proposal to extend this scheme at present.